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SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF BORDENS REP RENCHARD

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1. EMBASSY WILL ASSIST RENCHARD AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE. HOWEVER REF STATES THAT MR. RENCHARD WILL ARRIVE AMMAN WEDNESDAY, SEPT 11, AND PLANS DEPART FRIDAY, SEPT 13. EMBASSY OBSERVES THURSDAY AND FRIDAYS AS WEEKEND, AND WORKS SATURDAY THRU WEDNESDAY. WE CAN BRIEF RENCHARD ON WEDNESDAY AND PERHAPS SET UP APPOINTMENTS FOR HIM FOR THURSDAY.

2. WE WOULD APPRECIATE DEPT AND COMMERCE ASSISTANCE IN CAUTIONING BUSINESSMEN RE EMBASSY WORKING SCHEDULE. IT IS NOT UNCOMMON FOR BUSINESSMEN TO ARRIVE JUST BEFORE LOCAL "WEEKEND". AND DEPART PRIOR TO REOPENING OF BUSINESS SATURDAY. THIS RESULTS IN MANY BUSINESSMEN NOT MEETING WITH APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS AND PRIVATE BUSINESSMEN. APPOINTMENTS ARE HARD TO OBTAIN FOR THURSDAYS DUE TO EARLY DEPARTURES, AND IMPOSSIBLE ON FRIDAYS. MOST BUSINESSMEN ARE SURPRISED TO LEARN OF THIS SITUATION WHEN THEY ARRIVE, AND SOME HAVE STATED THEY WERE MISINFORMED IN THE STATES REGARDING EMBASSY AND GOJ WORK WEEK.

3. SUGGEST THAT BUSINESSMEN CONTACTING DEPARTMENT OR COMMERCE FOR INFORMATION AND COORDINATION OF TRAVEL PLANS, BE ENCOURAGED TO ARRIVE AMMAN ON SATURDAYS, SCHEDULE CAN BE WORKED TO ALLOW VISITOR TO UTILIZE UNCLASSIFIED

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FULL SEVEN DAY WEEK FOR BUSINESS, THUS GETTING MAXIMUM

MILEAGE OUT OF BUSINESS TRIPS.
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